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# SIX CELEBS GO WALKABOUT

**I'M A CELEB** stars are in for a huge shock tomorrow when they will be split into TWO jungle camps. Cunning ITV chiefs plan to start a war between the 12 stressed-out rivals by making the groups compete for food and treats.

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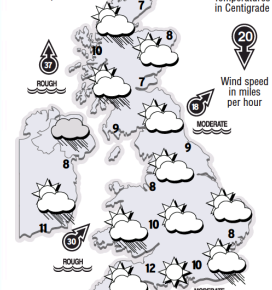
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## INFO STATION

**TODAY:** Early rain in south-east England will die out to leave it fine. The rest of England and Wales will have sunny spells, but a few showers. Rain arriving in the west later. Scotland and Northern Ireland will become very windy with heavy rain moving in.  
**OUTLOOK:** Tomorrow will be another windy day with heavy rain clearing to leave sunshine and blustery showers. The unsettled weather looks set to continue through the next few days.

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## THREE-DAY OUTLOOK

Monday	Shower
Tuesday	Shower
Wednesday	Shower

## POUND ABROAD

Australia	2.34 dollars
Canada	2.06 dollars
Cyprus	0.81 pounds
Czech Republic	38.02 korunas
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South Africa	12.98 rand
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Turkey	2.55 new lira
United States	1.80 dollars

## EURO

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ABROAD					
Alicante	sunny	18c (64f)	Moscow	cloudy	-2c (28f)
Corfu	fair	17c (63f)	N York	cloudy	21c (70f)
Dublin	cloudy	3c (37f)	Nice	sunny	18c (64f)
L.A. Angeles	sunny	22c (72f)	Paris	cloudy	14c (57f)
Malaga	fair	21c (70f)	Rhodes	sunny	19c (66f)
Miami	fair	28c (82f)	Rome	sunny	23c (81f)
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## SAUNDAY LOTTO

NOVEMBER 18

**1 19 20 32 42 46 49**

Dream Number: 2-7-6-3-0-8-4. T'Ball 5, 12, 14, 15, 28 (T'Ball 14)

## WEDNESDAY LOTTO

NOVEMBER 15

Lotto: 2, 3, 17, 22, 40, 42 Bonus ball 12

One ticket won the £2.5m jackpot

Dream Number: 7-7-1-8-5-9-0. No £500,000 winners

T'Ball 5, 8, 26, 27, 28 (T'Ball 1) No £250k winners

## EURO LOTTO

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 17

12, 22, 32, 33, 36 Lucky Star Numbers 2, 6  
20 winners shared the £123m jackpot

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# WEDDING OF THE YEAR: BECKS

# I hope you'll be as happy as me and my princess

**TOM Cruise and Katie Holmes tied the knot in an Italian castle yesterday just hours after a marriage masterclass from Posh and Becks.**

David and Victoria Beckham celebrated with the couple at a pre-wedding party in Rome that went on until 2am on the big day.

Becks told the groom his secret of a happy marriage before flying back to Spain for Madrid's match against Racing Santander last night.

A source said: "David was whisper-



From **DOMINIK LEMANSKI** in Bracciano

ing in Tom's ear, wishing him all the best and giving him tips.

"He may well have been passing on the secrets of a happy marriage.

"They were like brothers and Becks was having a great time."

Victoria stayed on with her sister Louise for the £1.5million wedding at the 15th century Odescalchi Castle in Bracciano.

They were joined by more than 250 guests for the Church of Scientology service. Katie smiled as she looked out of a castle window just hours before the ceremony.

She had arrived before the groom in a blacked-out minivan.

## Omens

But at 3pm the omens didn't look good for Tom - who has been married twice before - when the heavens opened, drenching everyone in the courtyard. Things soon dried out and an hour later Tom arrived, waving to well-wishers.

Italian tenor Andrea Bocelli and

Roberta Armani, niece of designer Giorgio Armani, were among the first of the guests to reach the castle, which is 40 miles north of Rome.

Andrea, 48, caused controversy by telling Italian TV: "I will sing for the couple as a gift. But I am Catholic and I don't want to participate in the wedding ceremony of another faith - but I will sing afterwards."

Others on the guest list were Jim Carrey, 44, and his girlfriend Jenny McCarthy, 34, Mission: Impossible III director J.J. Abrams, 40 and Top Gun producer Jerry Bruckheimer, 61 - who all arrived in a fleet of 30 blacked-out minivans.

As expected the wedding saw a fashion battle between the celebs.

Jennifer Lopez, 37, who was wearing an oyster Marchesa chiffon dress with white fur wrap, drew gasps from the gathered fans.

But Victoria Beckham made more of a fashion splash when she turned up sporting a black Philip Treacy hat and a boob-enhancing strapless black dress.

The entire castle was lit with flaming torches.

But a source said: "Posh looked so hot she could have lit the torches just by looking at them."

Becks was rumoured to be returning to Rome by private jet late last night to join in the party.

## Plush

Other star guests included Marc Anthony, 38, Will Smith, 38, and wife Jada Pinkett Smith, 35 and Brooke Shields, 41.

The revellers had taken part in a boozy pre-wedding celebration at Rome's plush Hassler hotel the night before.

After toasting the couple with cocktails until 1am, the party was led out to the hotel foyer where Tom and Katie posed for snaps with their celebrity pals.

Posh, 32, went on a walk-about with J.Lo and Katie while hubby Becks, wearing a white shirt and black trousers with a waistcoat, caught up with Cruise. David, 31, and Tom, 44, then posed for snaps together and chatted as Becks held the hand of Cruise's seven-month-old daughter, Suri.

Meanwhile, the couple's spokesman refused to comment on rumours that Katie was expecting a second child.



THE A-LIST: J.Lo, Will Smith and wife Jada Pinkett and Brooke Shields arriving for the ceremony



## HAS TIPS ON MARRIAGE FOR CRUISE



**A VERY POSH DO:** Victoria and sister Louise who got David's ticket to attend the wedding

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**BRIDE-IN-WAITING:** Katie Holmes and bridesmaid take a peek out of the castle



**GROOM'S GRIN:** Tom Cruise and adopted son Conor, 11, at the castle window



**RED CARPET:** Odeschalchi Castle is suitably bedecked for the big occasion



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# WHO WANTS JAN

## Don't all shout at once



**JUNGLE** celebs are in for an agonising bout of tribal warfare. And moaning Minnie Jan Leeming could be the BIG loser.

Show bosses plan to tear the stars apart tomorrow in one of the cruellest stunts ever devised.

The 12 campers in Oz will have to split themselves into two rival groups – who will then live at different locations and will have to compete against each other for food and treats.

### Safety

Executive producer Richard Cowles gloated yesterday: "The celebs have always felt that the one thing they had on their side in camp was each other."

"But, this year, there won't necessarily be safety in numbers."

"They have a real challenge ahead."

Another insider put it more bluntly... "They won't know what's hit them!"

"But one thing's for sure. No one will want moaning Jan Leeming in their camp!"

The great divide could also spill over into

**EXCLUSIVE From PETER DYKE in the Oz jungle**



the looming evictions – with rumours that ALL those on the team doing best might win immunity from the chop.

And that could wind up the tension to fever pitch.

Rows are expected to break out as soon as the stars are told they must choose who goes in which group.

Just like in a school playground, they will fight to be in the gang with their mates.

And that's where 64-year-old Jan could start to feel the pinch.

When the choosing is over, one "tribe" will leave the campsite in New South Wales where they've lived for the past week.

They will be taken to another one called Snake Rock, set up in part of the same rainforest.

The six members will be told to stay there until further notice. They will not be allowed to wander back at will to see their old pals.

### Trial

But there is speculation that, each day, one member from each tribe will have to compete in a Bushtucker Trial. The winner will get food for his or her own gang and the loser will go back to the rival team empty-handed.

Evictions are due to start on Friday night. So, if bosses of the ITV1 show decide to exempt members of the winning team, competition between the two tribes will be cut-throat.

Our source said: "This stunt has been designed to create tensions and rows."

"Rest assured: there are going to be plenty more surprises."

● Jason's cockroach pain: Page 6



TOP MAN: Bushtucker Dean and the house he's bought for cash



## £100k DEAN SPARKS A JUNGLE GRUMBLE

■ **I'M A CELEB** newcomer Dean Gaffney has caused a grumble in the jungle – over his whopping £100,000 fee. The mega-bucks deal, putting him on a par with David Gest and Jason Donovan, has caused a behind-the-scenes row as he's being paid thousands more than most of the others.

■ But the ex-EastEnders, 28, has already convinced the show's bosses that he is worth every penny. His opening Bushtucker Trial is being hailed as one of the funniest in the show's history.

■ But fellow celebs like whining Jan Leeming and outspoken Lauren Booth may fail to see the funny side as they're rumoured to have picked up a measly £25,000.

■ A show source revealed:

■ "Dean is one of the most highly paid stars in the jungle. Bosses were desperate to get him in as they realised he'd be great entertainment and they were right. But it's bound to infuriate a lot of the other contestants."

■ "It's pretty tough living in the jungle and many are wishing

■ by **SUSAN HILL** and **PETER DYKE**

they'd negotiated a higher fee. The agents are bickering behind the scenes now this is out – they reckon all the stars should get better fees. Apart from Gest and Jason Donovan the rest are on an average of around £25,000 so the agents are fuming."

■ Meanwhile, Dean is facing other problems – and is being counselled by the show's shrink after becoming "traumatised" by his jaw-dropping Bushtucker Trial.

■ He was seen hyperventilating, looking pale and in shock as he endured critters, crocs and cockroaches during the challenge

that was broadcast live on Thursday. He even threw up during the stomach-churning task.

■ But 48 hours after his ordeal

■ Dean, who confesses he's scared of "anything and everything – especially rats" is still suffering. He has been in such a state of shock that he's been having nightmares.

■ Dean said: "I was traumatised by that trial. It was so bad that when I woke up in camp I screamed out loud. I felt things crawling up my legs. The experience has left me drained."

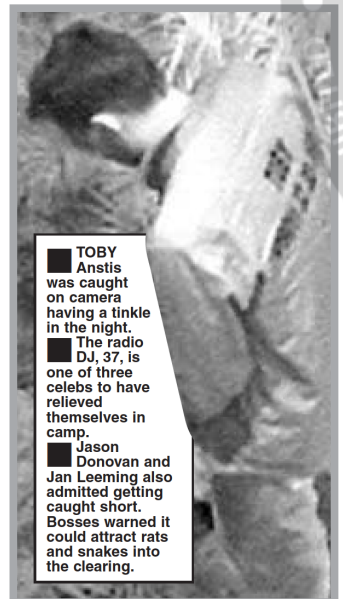
■ And despite recent reports that he is broke, we can reveal that Dean's just paid cash for a plush new £700,000 family home, swapping his £925,000 four-

bedroom Georgian-style home in Cobham, Surrey, for a brand-new pad down the road in Bookham.

■ Dean, who shot to fame as dozy Robbie Jackson in EastEnders, will move into the five-bedroom house with fiancée Sarah Burge, 29, and their ten-year-old twins Charlotte and Chloe after he leaves Australia.

■ Sarah and his girls are flying out to support him today. A source close to the star said: "Sarah's relationship with Dean is more solid than ever. His family is the most important thing in his life these days."

■ Dean's spokesman confirmed: "He's just paid cash for his new house and I don't know many men his age who can do that."



■ **TOBY Anstis** was caught on camera having a tinkle in the night.

■ The radio DJ, 37, is one of three celebs to have relieved themselves in camp.

■ Jason Donovan and Jan Leeming also admitted getting caught short. Bosses warned it could attract rats and snakes into the clearing.



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## IN THEIR CAMP?

...but  
we'll  
have  
Myleene

■ SEXY Myleene Klass boosted her chances of winning by going up the creek for a paddle. The 28-year-old donned a red bikini for an exhilarating shower.

■ Whichever side she ends up on, scenes like this make Myleene a favourite to win. She's a hit with viewers because of her big...smile say experts.

■ Oral-B smile expert Jenni Trent Hughes thinks Myleene has the grin to win.

■ In their GRIN TO WIN contest Oral-B Vitality are looking for Britain's biggest smiles. The winner gets an all-expenses paid trip for four to Los Angeles.

■ To win, just send your biggest grin by Photo Message to 63400 or log on to [www.mybigsmile.co.uk](http://www.mybigsmile.co.uk)

Mal takes  
it to the wire

■ FORMER soap star Malandra Burrows was all smiles after being "rescued" from her high wire jungle hell.

The 41-year-old former Emmerdale actress was part of the prize when campmates Matt Willis and Lauren Booth went to pick up the celebrity chest following a jungle trek.

■ Malandra, pictured right, was in a basket suspended on a high wire and Lauren and Matt had to rescue her by reaching her by a tightrope.

The three of them then had to make a tightrope walk back with the chest.

■ Once back in camp, the group also got the celeb chest question right which earned them a chocolate cake to scoff.

A show source said: "They were all

really pleased to see Malandra but I think the chocolate cake was a more welcome sight for the hungry celebs."

■ Shortly before heading into the camp, Malandra admitted she wasn't looking forward to creepy crawlies.

But she joked: "There will be rats and snakes but I've had ex-boyfriends that have been worse so I think I can cope with them."

■ "I'm openly emotional - what you see is what you get. You'll know about it if there is a spider in camp. I will try and do the trials. I want to prove I'm a man not a mouse. That's been one of my nicknames - Minnie Mouse."





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JUNGLE  
NEWS



TV star Jeff Brazier jettied Down Under last night to save Kelly Osbourne's show. Jade Goody's cheeky ex was flown in as Kelly's new co-host on the troubled ITV2 spin-off Get Me Out Of Here Now. The show has been a disaster but Jeff, 27, told the Daily Star Sunday: "I think I can save it."

TOBY Anstis thinks David Gest will become an icon. He said: "People will have seen the real you. You'll have a cult following."

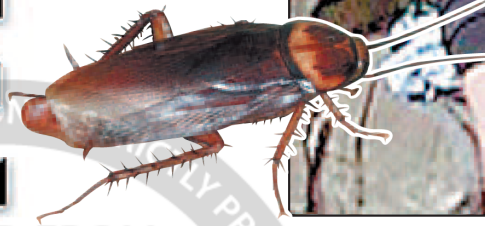


CHESTY Faith Brown has grown another set of boobs! Mozzies have bitten her on her large breasts. As a result they've become inflamed and two large bumps have appeared.

# I'm a cockroach GET ME OUT OF HERE



**BUM'S RUSH:** Jason feels the pinch as the little critter runs for cover



**JASON Donovan was left screaming in agony when a bug crawled up his backside during a Bushtucker Trial.**

The cheeky cockroach made its way up Jase's bum as he and Phina Oruche won six meals for camp yesterday.

And he had to seek out on-site medic Bob McCarron to relieve him of the bug.

A show insider said: "Jason was in pain as the cockroach had crawled up his bum. Bob had to get his

by **MARK JEFFERIES**

tweezers and pull the creature out. It wasn't nice for Jason and he was relieved once he was back in camp.

"There's been a few pains in the butt in the jungle this year – most notably Jan.

"But this little critter really made a mark on Jason.

"Ant and Dec were having a great time watching it.

"They thought Dean Gaffney's trial was hilarious – and this was even better!"

The task, called Operation Trial, started out well, with ten stars up

for grabs. During the trial Jason, 38, and Phina, 37, took turns to play a jungle version of the board game Operation.

They had to fish stars out of holes with a pair of giant jungle tweezers.

But if they touched the sides, their partner – who was sitting in a tank – was dunked with ants, slime, spiders and other critters.

At one point Phina was covered in fish guts.

But instead of moaning, the former Footballers' Wives star said: "It's all part of the experience."

## Nectar

Outside of camp, show hosts Ant McPartlin and Dec Donnelly had a lot more fun at a mini birthday bash for Ant.

He celebrated his 31st Down Under in true Aussie style – with a drop or two of the old amber nectar.

The cheeky Georgie and sidekick Dec, also 31, headed off to a restaurant once filming had finished.

After a slap-up lunch, they visited a bar on the Gold Coast and spent three hours enjoying some cool beers.

Later, Ant rang home for a romantic chat with new wife Lisa.

A source said: "Ant missed having Lisa around for his birthday."

And as the lads work to UK time hosting the nightly ITV show, they couldn't stay out late boozing the night away.

The source added: "At the moment they are having to get up early, so there's no wild late nights."

"They will have a proper party when Lisa joins them for the end-of-show party."



**SCURRY UP, BOB:** Jason has the cockroach tweezered out



## Emma Bunton

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GRIEVING: PC Milburn

## Tears for PC Sharon

POLICE officers wept yesterday at a memorial service to murdered PC Sharon Beshinivsky.

Sharon's husband and her colleague grasped each other for support during the marking of the first anniversary of her death.

Paul Beshinivsky and PC Teresa Milburn, who was also shot answering an armed robbery call at a travel agent's in Bradford, West Yorks, laid wreaths.

A headstone to Sharon was unveiled in the city's Centenary Square.

The 15-minute service was attended by top police officers, civic leaders and more than 500 others.

### Flowers

Tearful Paul and brave Teresa held hands firmly during a minute's silence.

Officers laid wreaths, with several of Sharon's female colleagues breaking down in their grief.

Teresa's police comrades clasped hands around her shoulders as more flowers were laid.

The service was also to honour Sgt Michael Hawcroft, 31, who was stabbed on duty 25 years ago.

The trial of Sharon's alleged killers is currently proceeding at Newcastle Crown Court.

## Tragedy on safari

FOUR Britons died in a crash caused by a burst tyre in Namibia.

Arthur Graham, 68, and his wife Patricia, 70, from Ryde, on the Isle of Wight, were travelling with Mr Graham's brother Alan, 65, and his wife Sylvia, 63, from Oxford.

The accident is believed to have happened when a tyre burst on the car as they were returning from a safari, near to Windhoek, the capital of the south-west African country, on Wednesday.

A Foreign Office spokesman said: "We are aware of a fatal car crash involving four British nationals on the Keetmanshoop-Aus main road on November 15. No other vehicle was involved. Next of kin have been informed."

## I SHOULD COCA!

NATALYA Kashuba, 27, got just £62 after she sued Coca Cola in Russia, claiming the drink caused heartburn and stopped her sleeping.



**NO ROMANCE:** Heather, who removed her false leg for this strenuous workout with her young private trainer Ben Amigoni in Los Angeles, insisted in her US TV interview, inset, that they are not lovers and she will never marry again after her divorce



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# HEATHER:

● I haven't got a lover : ● I will never marry again : ● I am not a gold-digger

**HEATHER Mills has denied she is dating her fitness trainer and insisted: "I am NOT a gold-digger".**

Gym buddy Ben Amigoni has become a constant companion to Sir Paul McCartney's estranged missus.

But in her most revealing interview since separating from ex-Beatle Paul, 64, she denied claims she has found love again and vowed NEVER to marry again.

The 38-year-old told US TV entertainment show Extra: "Ben is not my lover. I haven't got a lover. At the moment, I'm focusing on my daughter. The rest is totally made up."

### Fortune

It has been claimed the former model is after an £80million slice of Macca's fortune but pals of Heather reckon she is demanding only £10million.

Heather declared: "About 85% of my income goes to my charity."

"The word gold-digger doesn't go with that. If I was a gold-digger I would have a lot of money in my bank account - I'd be worth millions and millions."

"I'm a good mother, I'm a good person. I fell in love for the right reason. I fell in

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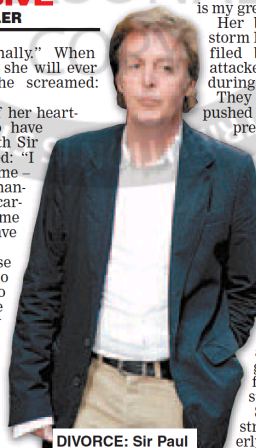
by NEIL CHANDLER

love unconditionally." When she was asked if she will ever marry again, she screamed: "Never!"

And speaking of her heart-rending battle to have baby Beatrice with Sir Paul, she revealed: "I tried for a long time - two ectopic pregnancies and six miscarriages. They told me I could never have children."

Heather, whose first marriage to Alfie Kamal also collapsed, spoke of her "crazy awful childhood" in the interview, due for broadcast tomorrow.

She claimed her upbringing and relationship with her parents,



DIVORCE: Sir Paul

"made me so protective" adding: "Beatrice is my greatest accomplishment."

Her battle with Macca caused a storm last month after divorce papers filed by Heather alleged he had attacked her with a broken wine glass during their four-year-marriage.

They also included a claim he once pushed her into a bath while she was pregnant with their daughter.

But despite that furore she insisted: "I have had so much public support - people hugging me in the streets - I did not know so many people cared. You get to know who your friends are and I haven't lost any friends."

Heather also shrugged off claims she has no sense of humour, saying: "Of course I do but people don't get to see that side of me."

Since the divorce was announced Heather has cut a gaunt and lonely figure and friends claim she has lost a stone in weight.

Sources say she has been struggling to eat and sleep properly and she is pictured almost

daily on gruelling training sessions with Amigoni, a fitness trainer she met while living with Paul in Rye, Sussex.

Heather's frank revelations shocked the TV show's bosses, as she had previously insisted she would not discuss the split.

She had only agreed with producers to be quizzed about her plans for a New York vegan café.

But after dramatically changing her mind, she revealed that the feud with McCartney has taken its toll.

### Anxious

Talking about her much-publicised weight loss, she began by saying: "It's the vegan..." but then added: "But of course, I have been anxious."

Suddenly remembering to plug her vegan venture, she went on: "Now I feel amazing - and that's down to being a vegan, too."

She added: "What I've been developing is a vegan fast food chain and vegan food markets."

● The full interview, which took place by the swimming pool of the luxury Four Seasons Hotel in Beverly Hills on Friday, will be shown in America tomorrow and Tuesday.



## Refuel ban on Nimrod

RAF bosses have banned their Nimrod spy planes from refuelling in flight.

A Nimrod crash in Afghanistan killed 14 fliers in September. Sources claim that the crashed XV230 spy plane had just refuelled when a fractured fuel line set off explosions.

And this month a second Nimrod landed with a fuel leak in the Middle East.

Without refuelling in mid-air Nimrods must land after ten hours' flying.

# BLAIR SCUPPERS BROWN'S VISIT TO IRAQ Flak jacket Gord gets torpedoes



ADMISSION: Blair on Iraq

**GORDON Brown's bid to play the Prime Minister-in-waiting flopped yesterday.**

The Chancellor made a surprise first visit to Iraq to meet troops.

He also announced Britain would pay an

by **NEIL CHANDLER**

extra £100million towards rebuilding the shattered country.

But as Brown strode purposefully from his plane in Basra wearing a flak jacket, Tony Blair was already scuppering his entrance on to the world stage.

Blair, who has flown into Pakistan for security talks today with President Pervez Musharraf, managed to overshadow Brown's visit by admitting in a TV interview with Sir David Frost that the Iraq war had "so far been pretty much of a disaster".

And Brown's camp was even more furious when it was revealed he had also refused to explicitly back the Scot as his successor.

Many thought he had Mr Brown in mind when he said Tory leader David Cameron would be floored by a Labour "big fist".

But in an interview published today, Blair refused to confirm he was thinking of the Chancellor.

### Tribute

He said: "I've decided to say nothing about it. People will always interpret these things."

And that was a boost for Home Secretary John Reid, the only Labour heavyweight still thinking of fighting Mr Brown for the PM's job.

Meeting troops in Basra yesterday, Mr Brown said: "I am here to see and pay tribute to the important work our forces are doing and to meet with Iraqi ministers to discuss the challenges ahead."

"We are committed to supporting the Iraqis in building a democratic nation which brings security and prosperity to its people and plays a full part in the region and the world economy."

But as he spoke, news emerged of the death of a British security worker and the wounding of another when insurgents struck south-west of Basra.

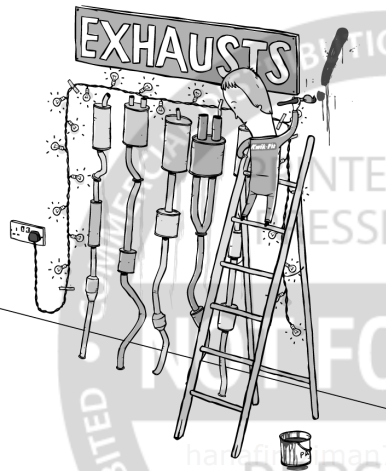
As police looked at their papers at a checkpoint, a car went past at high speed and opened fire.



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**SAFETY FIRST:** Brown in a flak jacket as he lands in Basra yesterday

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## OSAMA 'IN CITY'

by **CIARAN HANNAH**



PROTECTED: Bin Laden

OSAMA bin Laden is living in a Pakistan city... according to Afghan President Hamid Karzai.

He reckons Pakistani leader General Musharraf is letting Afghanistan's enemies live free in Quetta, near the border of the two countries.

Karzai has told advisers that the al-Qaida leader is hiding there along with the Taliban's leadership.

And he's putting pressure on Pakistan to deal with them severely.

The respected British magazine Jane's Intelligence Digest claims the Taliban are being "backed to the hilt" by Pakistan.

Bin Laden disappeared from the Tora Bora mountains of Afghanistan in 2001 and it was thought he was living in remote North West Frontier province.



# THE EX FACTOR

## Britney's ex meets Kev's ex and the sparks fly...

### WORLD EXCLUSIVE

by PAUL TETLEY and NEIL CHANDLER

**BRITNEY Spears and Kevin Federline may be at each other's throats but their former lovers have teamed up to become the best of friends.**

Shar Jackson and Jason Alexander became pals after meeting at a Los Angeles fashion show.

In 2004 Jason married childhood sweetheart Britney during a crazy Las Vegas weekend and now he's sparked

rumours of a romance with Shar, who has two children with Federline.

They've even joked they could run away for a quickie Vegas wedding themselves.

In their first-ever joint interview, Jason told the Daily Star Sunday: "We were contemplating running off to Vegas."

Shar said: "What, and go to the same chapel you two went to? We are really good friends. This is my boy. He knows the whole family. He comes over and hangs out. He's my boy."

#### Rumours

Jason added: "Me and Shar met at a fashion show and I had no idea she was going to be there and she had no idea."

"Our publicists got together and said we got to get a picture. Obviously all the rumours started."

"The only reason we became friends in the first place is we obviously had something to talk about in the beginning."

Laughing and joking together, Shar and Jason seem a great match.

Shar, 29, was seven months pregnant with their son Kaleb when Kevin ended their three-year relationship and started a whirlwind romance with Britney.

Jason, 25, also claims he was dumped, cast aside and forced into signing an annulment after he married Brit, 24, in a 5am wedding in January 2004.

But despite the whispers, Shar claims she is happy being single.

She said: "For me right now I like the direction my life is in. For the first time in a long time I am single. I'm having fun and enjoying that. That's something I want to go with for a while."

And she predicted

**■ SO NEAR, SO SHAR:** Jason and Shar have become real bosom buddies since meeting at a fashion show



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ACCUSED: Crampton

## Family murder charge

A TAXI driver appeared in court yesterday accused of murdering his two children, his ex-partner and her brother.

Neil Crampton, 34, is charged with stabbing to death Funke Sobo, 36, their children Abigail, 12, and Steven, five, and Yemi Sobo, 41.

Their bodies were found on Tuesday morning at their home in Kenton, Newcastle upon Tyne.

Police had received a call ten minutes earlier from a man telling them an entire family had been killed.

#### Custody

Crampton was arrested outside his parents' home in Winton, Gateshead, several hours later.

Yesterday he was remanded in custody by Newcastle magistrates.

He is now due to appear at Newcastle Crown Court on November 28.

Crampton had an eight-year relationship with Funke but they separated after the birth of Steven.

Crampton went to live with his parents and Funke moved with the children to her Nigerian-born mum's home in Kenton.

**■ A PASSENGER** on a ferry died yesterday after falling overboard into the Irish Sea. The man, who has not been named, spent two hours in the water after falling from the Isle of Inishmore ferry from Rosslare, in Ireland, to Pembroke Dock, in South Wales.

## Lotto joy for pals

A BRITISH Lotto syndicate is celebrating after scooping part of the £120million-plus Euro jackpot.

The syndicate was one of seven UK winners - 20 in all around Europe - and will get about £6.75million.

Each of the 33 meat factory workers in Market Drayton, Shropshire, will pocket around £212,000.

David Bowden, 53, who fills steak and kidney pies alongside wife and syndicate organiser Daryl, 55, said last night: "I've been celebrating since and I had a bad head this morning!"

UK lottery operator Camelot last night revealed that only four of the British winners had so far claimed their money.

#### BAKING HISTORY

HEINZ will offer limited edition baked beans - a Lea and Perrins Worcester Sauce variety - for only the second time in 125 years.



**Kevin and I are still great friends**



**I have been here for Brit since start**

And she predicted

Federline, 28, would fight hard to get custody of his children with Britney.

"I know Kevin loves his kids. And if there's anything in the world that he would fight for it's them."

"He's an awesome dad. My kids admire their dad so much."

#### Sucked

"Kevin and I have an amazing friendship."

The first Mr Britney Spears also had advice for Federline.

He said: "I hope he treats the kids well."

"I also hope he's saved some money aside and put some money in shoeboxes."

"Man, if I was him, I would have been taking ten grand out of the ATM every day. In three years he

would have had a couple of million already."

"He sucked it and he has milked it. I think he is a smart guy."

"I think he knows what he has been up to. At least the kids are taken care of."

"Kevin's been partying, working on his rap career, he is never home with the kids."

"Would I want to be married to a man who is never home? He has got everything to gain and nothing to lose, she's got everything to lose."

And his message for Brit?

"I wish the best for her. I feel really bad this thing didn't work out for her but I've been here for her from day one and if she would like to come to me, I will be here for her."



SWEETHEARTS: Britney and Jason



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American Dreamz  
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Another 48 Hrs  
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Apollo 13  
Apt Pupil  
Arlington Road  
Armageddon  
Around The World In 80 Days  
Arthur  
Arthur 2 On The Rocks  
Assassins  
At First Sight  
Autumn In New York  
The Avengers  
Babe  
Babe Pig In The City  
Baby Boom  
Baby Geniuses  
Backbeat  
Backdraft  
Bad Girls  
Band Of The Hand  
Barney's Great Adventure  
Barry Lyndon  
Basketball  
Basic Instinct  
The Beach  
Beavis & Butt-head Do America  
Beetjuice  
Behind Enemy Lines  
Being John Malkovich  
Berry Gordon's The Last Dragon  
Best Little Whorehouse In Texas  
The Best Man  
Betrayed  
Better Luck Tomorrow  
Bicentennial Man  
Big Business  
Big Daddy  
The Big Hit  
The Big Lebowski  
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Billy Madison  
Bird On A Wire  
Bitter Moon  
Black Beauty  
Black Dog  
Blame It On Rio  
Blind Date  
Blue Hawaii  
Blue Streak  
Blues Brothers 2000  
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Body Double  
Body Of Evidence  
The Bodyguard  
Bohlo  
Bonfire Of The Vanities  
Booty Call  
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The Boxer  
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Breakfast On Pluto  
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Brick  
Bridge On The River Kwai  
A Bridge Too Far  
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Cadillac Man  
California Man  
Camelot  
The Candidate

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Capricorn  
Carnal Knowledge  
Carrie  
Carry On Columbus  
Meet Joe Black  
Casanova  
Cats & Dogs  
Cheech & Chong - Get Out Of My Room  
Cheech & Chong's Corsican Brothers  
Cheech & Chong's Next Movie  
Cheech & Chong's Nice Dreams  
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City Of Angels  
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Collateral Damage  
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Coming To America  
Commandments  
Confetti  
Cookie's Fortune  
Cool Runnings  
Coyote Ugly  
Crackers  
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Jack Frost  
Jarhead  
Jaws: The Revenge  
Jaws III  
Jag And Silent Bob Strike Back  
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John Carpenter's Vampires  
Junebug  
The Juror  
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Kalifornia  
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Last Holiday  
Leaving Las Vegas  
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Liar Liar  
Like Father Like Son  
Loch Ness  
Lock, Stock And Two Smoking Barrels  
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Look Who's Talking Now  
Look Who's Talking Too  
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Mad Dog And Glory  
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Making Of Shooting Dogs  
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Match Point  
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Maybe Baby  
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Meet Joe Black  
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Metal: A Headbangers Journey  
Midnight Express  
Midnight Run  
Mighty Joe Young  
The Mighty Quinn  
MirroMask  
Misery  
Miss Congeniality  
Mission To Mars  
The Moguls  
Money Train  
Moonstruck  
Mortal Thoughts  
The Mothman Prophecies  
Mr. Deeds  
Mrs Henderson Presents  
The Mummy  
Muppets From Space  
The Muppets Take Manhattan  
My Dog Skip  
My Girl  
Mystery Train  
Naked Gun 2 1/2: The Smell Of Fear  
Near Dark  
Neighbors  
Neil  
Network  
New Jack City  
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The Night Of The Generals  
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North Country  
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Rollerball  
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Runaway Bride  
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Someone To Watch Over Me  
Soul Man  
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Space Jam  
Spaceballs  
Speechless  
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## A real Jackass

**L**OOKING like Chitty Chitty Bang Bang's Childcatcher in drag, the creepiest man in the world turned up in Britain last week. I'm talking, of course, about the puke-inducing Michael Jackson, who arrived in London to pick up some meaningless trophy for making a couple of successful albums about 20 years ago.

There'd been a lot of hype beforehand about him re-creating his Thriller routine – which didn't happen, of course.

In fact, the World Music Awards was a total shambles, made all the more ridiculous by his hideous presence. He bumbled on while a children's chorus was warbling We Are The World, half-heartedly sang half a line along with them, then stumbled back into the shadows.

Which is where he belongs. OK, so he was cleared of paedophilia charges but has admitted his fondness for sharing a bed with little boys and has paid off more than one of his accuser's families – if you've got nothing to hide why on earth would you pay anyone to keep quiet?

**T**hen there's the way he parades his children around wearing SpiderMan masks or tea towels or brown paper bags to protect their identities. You don't have to be Sigmund Freud – or even Supernanny – to work out that might be potentially a little psychologically damaging.

If the single dad living next door to you regularly invited little boys round for sleepovers and kept his children's faces constantly covered, you'd be on to Childline straightaway. Especially if he'd also turned his back garden into a mini-theme park to entice youngsters to stick around.

But that's the real world. Mad Michael's kids are being brought up in a freak show a million light years from reality and no one seems concerned about them.

There was also the bizarre spectacle of Top Shop boss Sir Philip Green opening his flagship store so the demented goon could look around – even though Top Shop only sells women's clothes.

What the hell was that all about? The 16-year-old girls who make up the majority of their customers are hardly likely to be Jackson fans. And while it wouldn't surprise me if Wacko Jacko did decide to start wearing female clobber, you kind of think he'd be more likely to buy it from a designer shop than a high street store.

And I really wouldn't want my daughters trying on something Michael Jackson had rubbed his creepy hands over – would you?



## GEST JUST GREAT

BEST series ever of I'm A Celebrity... and the smartest career move David Gest has ever made (after dumping the frankly barking Liza, of course)

OK, so he's still got a face like the reflection in the back of a spoon and the scariest hair this side of Bruce Forsyth with his syrup off but he's also funny and

brave and doesn't take any crap from anyone. Camp creep in both senses of the word is Scott Henshall – a squirming little snake in the grass who must be the worst ever Bush Tucker trialist. Which makes him the best.

This fake-fragile, fey fashionista makes Natalie Appleton look like a female Rambo – so, of course, we've all got to keep voting for him to keep coming back with no food until we vote him out.

And the finest, most cringe-inducing moment of the series so far was Lauren Booth – the woman with the widescreen arse – attempting to convince Phish-faced Philina that she was a ragga/dance hall/hip hop addict. It was patronising, embarrassing and pure television gold.

The Prime Minister's half-sister-in-law (has she mentioned yet she's related to Cherie? Only every other second) attempted to rap – the "C" was silent – and bust some moves that had her looking like a constipated drunken yak with a booty the size of a barrel. Priceless.

Oh, and when Dean Gaffney turned up on Thursday night, mad as a bag of demented snakes, he immediately became my favourite to win. The man's a legend.

TWO great mad concert tours have just been announced for next year. First up could just turn out to be the strangest gig of the century so far, when '80s Action God Steven Seagal tours Britain with his band Thunderbox. (And I bet he doesn't know that's a slang term for an old-fashioned portable bog)

No, this is not a wind-up – although it's about as weird as Jean-Claude Van Damme playing Aladdin in panto, or Stallone touring as Captain Von Trapp in The Sound Of Music.

Mr Hard-To-Kill, Inset, is knocking out an amazing 27 dates right round the UK – kicking off near where I live in High Wycombe at the Swan on February 5 and then going everywhere from Liverpool and Llandudno to Carlisle and Inverness. How

mad is that? The bloke who starred opposite Tommy Lee Jones in Under Siege going on stage with a guitar in hand and saying: "Hello, Felixstowe!"

Then in May there's the Best Disco in Town Live, featuring everyone from Rose Royce and the Three Degrees to Odyssey, Tavares and the Real Thing – plus the man himself, George McCrae.

I know I'm going to sound like a right old git but that groove-tastic bunch gave me the soundtrack to some

of the best years of my life. A track by any of 'em is guaranteed to get even the stodgiest wedding reception up and dancing. Check out which of the 14 dates is nearest you and get on down!



IT'S a great movie and Daniel Craig's an ace Bond but the publicity muppets behind Casino Royale have done him no favours with the poster for the film.

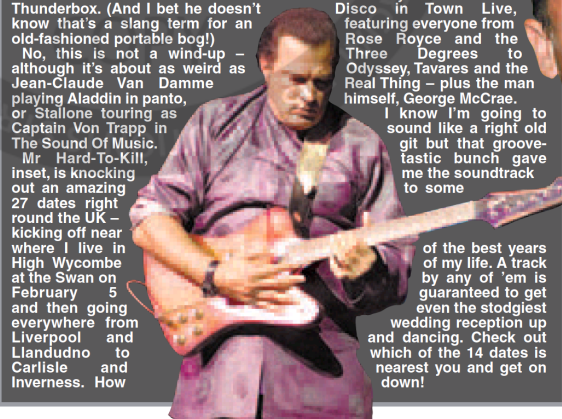
They've used a picture of him pouting like Posh Spice with PMT, with a dash of PG Tips chimp thrown in.

And Craig wasn't at his crowd-pleasing best at the premiere. He posed for a picture or three with fans but spent most of the night with a face like a smacked arse, above, and left the party early.

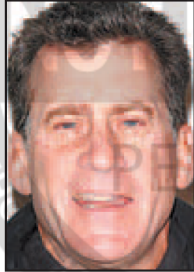
You auditioned for the part, Daniel. You got the part and you've done a fantastic job.

So give us a smile now and then, for f\*#k's sake, or I'll revoke your licence.

● Suits us, Bond: Page 35





DAILY  
STAR  
SUNDAYWE'RE TOPS FOR **REALITY** TELLYSTARKY WILL BE IN  
THE BB HUTCH

COPPED: Star Glaser

THE word on the street is...Starky's going into the house!

American superstar Paul Michael Glaser 67, has signed a megabucks deal to appear in the new Celebrity Big Brother.

The actor - who found fame on TV's Starsky And Hutch police show in the 70s - is said to be thrilled at the prospect. And Channel 4 bosses are delighted.

Glaser hit the big time in 1975 when he signed to play hunky detective Dave Starsky. He and David Soul - who played Hutch - became major stars worldwide.

However, tragedy hit the star's life. His first wife Elizabeth and daughter Aerial died after Elizabeth had a blood transfusion later found to be infected with HIV.

Two years after the death of his wife, Glaser met Tracy Barone. They are now married and have a daughter, Zoe.

Celebrity Big Brother will return to our screens in January.

Others tipped for the new show include Baywatch's David Hasselhoff, Diff'rent Strokes star Gary Coleman and loudmouth MP Clare Short.

**FLESH DANCE:**  
Emma Bunton  
with her dance  
partner Darren  
Bennett on the  
hit BBC1 show

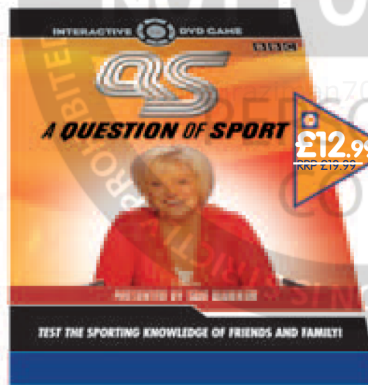
**Strictly too sexy**

**STRICTLY** Come Dancing's girls have been given a ticking-off by show bosses for flashing too much flesh. The dancers and celebs have been accused of wearing over-the-top costumes in a bid to win votes. Some of the girls even secretly had their dresses altered to make their cleavages more plunging and thigh slashes higher. The BBC1 show's sexy slashes such as Emma Bunton, 30, Claire King, 43, and Louisa Lytton, 17, have now been ordered to cover up. A source said: "They have been reminded they're appearing on a family show, not a Soho night out."

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DREAM: Eton Road and families on bus

FAMILIES  
PAY PRICE

THE families of Eton Road have racked up thousands of pounds of debt in a bid to give Liverpool's new Fab Four the edge on The X Factor.

The parents of David Heath, James Edwards, Daniel Morris and Anthony Hannah have all made sacrifices for a promotional campaign on Merseyside.

Phil Heath, dad of David, 19, said: "All the families travel to the studios in London in a coach so we are close. We have given out around 120,000 posters and I hired an open-top bus to go round Liverpool gathering support. I had a megaphone and we handed out T-shirts. The next idea is to go abseiling down a Liverpool landmark."

"It has put us into debt but it is worth it, because it is their dream." Phil, 42, has given up his season ticket for his beloved Liverpool and, he said: "James' dad has sold his car. We are all doing everything we can."

"I can remember David singing to his gran when he was three. This is all the lads have ever wanted."



Picture: CHRIS NEILL

NOW LEONA HAS  
**SEX** FACTOR

**X FACTOR** favourite Leona Lewis is ready to inject a bit of **Sex Factor** into her act to try to scoop the show's £1 million recording contract.

And the babe is already working on potential chart-topping lyrics for an album she'll release at the end of the series.

With just four weeks left until the winner is revealed all the wannabes are looking for that special something to give them an edge over their rivals.

And after some advice from music guru and vocal coach Mark Hudson Londoner Leona, 21, is ready to add some raunch.

Mark, who's worked with Aerosmith, Celine Dion and Boyzone, reckons the curly-haired cutie is set for chart success – whether or not she wins the show.

And he's been telling Leona to sex up her performances on the show to leave viewers drooling and wanting more.

Mark said: "I have been saying to Leona that she is the most consistent person in the competition but she has to have that little something extra – that 'it' – the X Factor that will really help her."

"She has to give people a look, or be confident enough to have a style that people are drawn to and can't take their eyes off. Madonna has it and

by MARK JEFFERIES, TV EDITOR

that is what Leona has got to strive for. She is only young and is improving all the time in terms of stage presence. But I don't have another three or four months to work with her as the winner will be decided in four weeks' time."

Win or lose, Leona is hard at work – with a record deal from Simon Cowell already guaranteed.

Mark added: "Leona has just started writing and is putting some lyrics together which I think are going to be great."

"It's really important if you want longevity in your career that you are able to play instruments or have an input into your work. Now Leona will be able to do that."

**Difficult**

As one of Sharon Osbourne's helpers in the early stages, Grammy award winner Mark also helped pick the show's other big favourite Ben Mills – but Kent rocker Ben, 26, is going through a difficult time.

Mark said: "Ben was the favourite and now he is not – so he is suffering with his confidence. He has also had problems with his voice and hasn't been able to sing. So when we arrange the songs I have to be Ben – because I have to sing his bits so that he can rest his voice."

"But Ben has a sensational voice and can play instruments – including great guitar solos – so he could be around for quite a while."



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# POLICE SALUTE 24-HOUR BARS



OFF THEIR TROLLEY: Girls out on the lash on Watford High Street

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# NOW FOR THE GOOD BOOZE

**POLICE across Britain are raising a glass - to celebrate the first anniversary of 24-hour drinking.**

Critics slammed the new Licensing Act - which allowed pubs to extend closing times - in the days before it was introduced on November 24 last year.

It was claimed binge drinking and street violence would spiral out of control.

But senior police officers now say the change has SLASHED late-night crime.

Chief Inspector John Roy of Merseyside Police said violent crime in Liverpool city centre has plummeted thanks to staggered closing times and greater powers for police to close down unruly venues.

He said: "We have seen major reductions in violent crime in every single category over the last year, with wounding down 20%, common assault down 13%, and robbery down 12%. It has been hugely worthwhile."

Inspector John Clucas of Lancashire Police also praised the Act for "having a positive effect on reducing crime".

He added: "Because pubs now stagger closing times there are smaller queues at the taxi office and outside the kebab house, so

by ANDY LEA

there has been a lower incidence of people getting into a fight." Carole Howlett, chief constable of Norfolk, also praised the laws. She said: "I have to admit I was a little fearful at what effect the new drinking laws would have. But I have been pleasantly surprised."

We visited Newcastle and Watford - two places previously infamous for binge drinking - to see for ourselves.

In Watford's High Street and Newcastle city centre there were pockets of drunken punters and the odd scuffle.

## Bouncer

But the streets seemed far quieter than a year ago. A bouncer at Watford's busy Chicago Rock Cafe told us: "People are not causing any more trouble than they did before."

A spokesman for the Department of Culture, Media and Sport said they have had positive feedback from police over the new laws.

He added: "The British cultural attitude to drinking isn't going to change overnight - but things do seem to be moving in the right direction."

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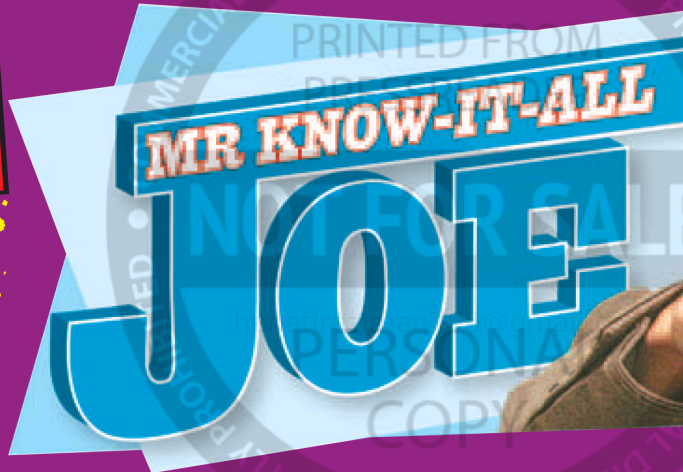
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## AGAINST THE LAW

ACCORDING to a mate of a mate who knows her, Kate Lawler's a decent DJ. I don't care. I needed a picture of a celebrity – and I use the term loosely – in a bikini, to brighten my page. She has got a pleasant body and has sampled bed-sport with both Russell Brand and Jonathan Woodgate. Other than that – I've checked, too – there don't seem to be a great many people who know what – if anything – the point is of her. Answers in an e-mail with the topic: "Why Are You?"



# Nadine will be Jess fine

## Coyle cops The Met

**FUNNY** how happy Nadine Coyle looks considering she's just split up with her fella Jesse Metcalfe, isn't it?

See how her little cheeks shine and her eyes sparkle?

I would say that's the look of a Girl Aloud who's had a spat with a Desperate Housewives bloke and then kissed and made up with him.

Muscular, tanned and a big shot actor he may be, but immune to Northern Irish fitness and an accent which is sexy enough to give a castrato an intimate twitch, he surely isn't.

As you can see from my picture, my dwarf brother was out on the town and was pounced upon by Nadine and some blonde sort called Sarah something.

Observe how put-upon Mini Joe cowers in Nadine's satchel as the boozy ladies mock him.

The little fella tells me: "They had been out for some dinner at a posh place called Nobu for Sarah's birthday."

### Chin

"They had some barber called Adeel Phelan with them, who has got a new line knocking out dildo-shaped bottles of shampoo."

"There was a backing dancer in tow, too."

I've only just found out who Jesse really is, though.

It's the name, you see – I originally thought Jesse Metcalfe was a Durham-based actor in Holby City, who



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played a middle-aged medic with grey hair and a weak chin. Why an attractive Celt from a pop band would want to have adult fun with such a man was beyond me.

Clearly, Nadine knows people back home who could kill me, so I really hope she

appreciates I'm only having a laugh. As a footnote, I would like to add that I have now seen the size of Jesse and I don't want him to beat me like a red-headed stepchild if he doesn't like what I've written. Even if he HAS got a girl's name.



NOW I like a fun woman with something to grab hold of and I have long championed Charlotte Church. But no one likes a boozed-up, puffy-faced, sloppy-smiled girl, clutched two drinks and reeking of alcohol. It's just not attractive. – see?

**DO YOU THINK YOU KNOW SOMETHING I DON'T?**





I AM writing this week's column from the Tom Cruise wedding in Italy. Just kidding – even I couldn't blag THAT. Good luck to Tom – he gave us Top Gun and thus will always be le coq sportif (good). Meanwhile, one of the women I wrote about in last week's column wants to send me a note about the piece, according to her un-named publicist on the phone. I'm guessing it's Lindsay Lohan, unhappy about being called a badly-dressed, big-breasted bird with an awful voice. I'm not expecting a love letter...

## I'll do the vocals on Wannabe



**EX-SPICE** Girl Geri looks amazed at how big and hairy her old mate Mel B has become.

The pair met in Africa to talk about a Spice reunion. Actually, that's not really Mel B, but a chief. Geri, looking like Fergie but a bit wronger, went over to Zambia to raise awareness about HIV and Aids. She is small, like a pale runt.

## MOTT-O-METER

Who's hot and who's not

### David Beckham



HE has the balls to be different in that hideous cardigan. Now impress me by wearing it again and showing that you're confident in your own style.

**KATIE PRICE** – for using real women with real bodies to launch your underwear. I like curvy bums.

**DANIEL CRAIG** – two minutes into Casino Royale, you know he's better than everyone since Connery and hard like an on.

### Alex Curran



**GERRARD**, mate, have a word. Some of the clobber your missus wears is tarter than my nan's Bakewell.

**PARIS HILTON** – I actually heard her say: "It's so hard being me" at the Jim Bond party. And not very pretty in the flesh.

**MICHAEL JACKSON** – we give you another chance and you let us down. Should've moonwalked to glory at the World Music Awards.

## MOTT

**DEAN Gaffney...** I always thought that he was a tit for pulling wannabe models at nightclubs, being a bit sleazy and having that head.

But watching him retch and whimper like a whipped dog on I'm A Celebrity Get Me Out Of Here! was some of the best TV I have seen all year.

I like him.

## SHOT

**SCOUSE** female **Danielle Lloyd** is now being sued by Miss Great Britain Ltd for naughtily posing in a top shelf mag, I see.

I predict we will hear no more about the suit and Danielle will get even more work being photographed in skimpy stuff for money as a result of the publicity.



## LINGERIE ROUND-UP

**ROSIE** Huntington-Whiteley is our next British supermodel, my fashion-type colleagues tell me. Had you been at last week's Victoria's Secret show, you would have seen her wearing this stuff. I can see that she's beautiful, but they're the kind of looks that leave me cold. A swift Google search tells me she's also a distant relative of **Queen Victoria**. I'm a relative of **Geoff Mott**. He's my dad.

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# GO ME ON YOU BLUES



## Sperm plea to fans

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It is hoped supporters will lend a hand and top up dwindling supplies by doing their own pre-match warm-up.

That would give the battle cry "Come on you Blues" a whole new meaning.

And if the scheme is a success, their enthusiasm could rub off on rivals Manchester United and Liverpool.

They are also among football clubs believed to have been approached.

The National Gamete Donation Trust is behind the move to attract sperm donors at places where "men congregate".

The trust's Pip Morris said: "Mobile units mean we solve the problem of attracting the men."

"It is all very simple. The units can be driven to the grounds and allow fans to donate before or after the match."

"Chelsea would be ideal for London. And in the North, Manchester United

by NEIL CHANDLER

and Liverpool would fit the bill." Soldiers, policemen and firefighters are also due to be targeted by the mobile units.

The move comes after desperate British fertility clinics were forced to start ordering emergency supplies from America.

The sperm shortage was caused by a law change last year which allowed test tube children to contact their donor dads once they turn 18.

### Willies

This gave potential donors the willies, with just 119 registering in the six months following the law change – well short of the 250 needed.

And up to 70% of fertility clinics are now thought to be running "dry" of sperm.

One football fan joked: "I think this is a great idea but it's interesting that they've picked Chelsea."

"It must be true what they say about their fans."

It is not yet clear whether West Ham (Shank) United are on the list of potential donor clubs.

HERE WE GO: Chelsea fans egg on their heroes



## P.S. PITY DAVID SEAMAN ISN'T STILL PLAYING

## Dance lord is 'on mend'

by CIARAN HANNAH

LORD Of The Dance Michael Flatley yesterday dispelled fears that he is seriously ill.

He left the London Clinic – where he had been treated for a mystery illness – and declared: "I am on the mend."

The 48-year-old dancer and choreographer walked hand in hand with his new wife, Niamh O'Brien, 32.

He promised fans he was looking forward to returning to the stage.

On Thursday, the US-born Riverdance star cancelled all 20 dates of his European Celtic Tiger tour, which had been due to start on Friday.

### Virus

His publicist later revealed that he had been in hospital for two weeks.

No reason was given though it is now believed he had a viral infection.

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# Blaze mum 'killed her two kids'



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**POLICE fear a depressed mum may have murdered her young children before killing herself by setting fire to the family home.**

Natalie Ndayiragije, 27, daughter Anika, five, and son Amsa, three, were found dead yesterday.

According to neighbours, Ms Ndayiragije had a stillborn baby only months ago and may have been suffering from depression as a result.

It is understood police are working on the theory she killed Anika and Amsa, then took her own life. Their

by **DAVID DULIN**

bodies were found when her partner returned from work to the house in New Parks, Leicester, at around 1am.

The man, who is not the children's father, alerted police and is not suspected of any involvement. Nobody else is being sought by police.

Last night the two-bedroom terrace house was sealed off as forensic teams tried to discover what happened.

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Keeping in mind those WAGS who have recently been shunning Prada for Primark, they grabbed the cash and made a Supermarket Sweep-style dash to the shops.

But with just a lunch hour to complete the mission, they settled on a one-stop shop instead of trawling the likes of Tesco, Sainsbury's and ASDA, where there are always great bargains to be had.

Within minutes they'd arrived at TK Maxx in Hammersmith, west London – the American chain which negotiates deals from more than 4,000 designers in 80 countries, ensuring reductions of up to 60%.

With those savings passed on to shoppers and the clothes displayed in sizes rather than styles, they were quickly kitted out for the Daily Star Sunday Christmas curry and party.

**VERSACE SHIRT**

**£49.99**

SHOULD BE £130

**ANDY SAYS**

A QUICK flick through the racks and I'd pulled out a blue Versace shirt with a whopping 60% off the original price.

A stop at the jeans rack and the shoe section and I'd found some bargain jeans and natty shoes to go with it. I had gone slightly over budget at £104.97 – but considering the original price was £248.99, that was still a huge saving of £144.02.

**EMMA SAYS**

I FELL in love with this festive red Fenn Wright Manson frock.

With a bow on the bust and in a flattering A-line it was perfect – especially when I spotted the price was slashed from £119 to £59.99.

Teamed with a pair of £16.99 Zara shoes that should have been £40 I was shocked to find I'd failed the task. I hadn't got an outfit that looked a million dollars for £100. I'd done it for £76.98.

**PIERRE CARDIN JEANS**

**£24.99**

SHOULD BE £49

**ROMBAH WALLACE SHOES**

**£29.99**

SHOULD BE £69.99

**FENN WRIGHT MANSON DRESS**

**£59.99**

SHOULD BE £119

**ZARA SHOES**

**£16.99**

SHOULD BE £40



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